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LANKANS NO MATCH AS INDIA GO FOURTH IN WTC TABLE

Rohit & Co beat Sri Lanka by 238 runs in the second Test to seal the series 2-0 at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium

BUMRAH & ASHWIN STAR WITH PINK BALL

On a dry pitch where spinners were expected to call the shots, it was pacer Jasprit Bumrah who did the maximum damage. After picking up five wickets in the first innings, he added three more in the second. Off-spinner R Ashwin also continued his dominance as he went past Dale Steyn's tally of 439 Test wickets and is now 8th in the overall list with 442 scalps

HOME RUN: PLAYED 16, WON 15, DRAWN 1

- India played 16 matches across all formats in the 2021/22 home season against New Zealand, West Indies and Sri Lanka. They remained unbeaten. Kanpur Test vs NZ ended in a draw.
- This is also India's 15th consecutive Test series win at home. Their last series defeat came against England in 2012. PTI

ZERO

SRI LANKA HAVE PLAYED 22 TESTS IN INDIA AND ARE YET TO WIN A MATCH

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EXPRESS READ

Retail inflation hits eight-month high

New Delhi: Retail inflation hit an eight-month high of 6.07% in February, while wholesale price-based inflation soared to 13.11%, as per official data. P13

Jabs for 12-14 age group from Wed

Everyone over 60 years can get booster doses as the Centre expands vaccination drive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE wait is over for those in the 12-14 age group to get the first dose of Covid vaccine as the Centre on Monday said it will expand the vaccination drive to include them from March 16.

Also, from Wednesday, everyone over 60 years of age can take a booster dose. Until now, it was restricted to frontline and healthcare workers and those above 60, who have co-morbidities.

"The Union government after due deliberations with scientific bodies has decided to start Covid-19 vaccination for 12-13 year and 13-14 year age groups (those born in 2008, 2009 and 2010 i.e those who are already above 12 years of age) of the population from March 16, 2022," the Union health ministry said in a statement.

Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted saying, "If children are safe then the country is safe".

Those in the new age group will be given Corbevax, which is India's first indigenously-developed Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) protein subunit vaccine. Corbevax, made by Hyderabad-based Biological E, was granted emergency use authorisation for use on the 12-18 age group on February 21.

According to official sources, there are around 7.11 crore children in the new age group.

The government started vaccinating teens in the 15-17 age group on January 3. As of now, they are being given Bharat Biotech's Covaxin. So far, 5.58 crore children in this age group have received the first dose of a Covid vaccine, while 3.38 crore has gotten the second shot.

The decision to expand vaccination comes as schools across the country are re-opening amid a decline in Covid cases. India recorded 2,503 new cases in the last 24 hours, the lowest in 680 days. P3

TAKE YOUR SHOT

Mar 13 4,61,318 doses

Mar 14 17,11,067 doses

ALL-INDIA	MAR 13	MAR 14
Fresh cases	3,116	2,503
Recoveries	5,559	4,377
Deaths	47	27

KARNATAKA	MAR 13	MAR 14
Fresh cases	164	106
Recoveries	130	337
Deaths	0	4

Peace talks to continue amid spiralling attacks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

EVEN as peace talks were underway, Russia on Monday bombed a residential apartment in Kyiv, killing one and injuring at least a dozen people. The Ukrainian capital city, which is bracing for a major offensive by Russian ground forces, on Monday reported some of the worst attacks since the start of the conflict on February 24.

Apart from flattening a residential building in the northern part of the city, Russia attacked an airplane factory, which sparked a huge fire killing two and hurting seven.

In the country's second-largest city of Kharkiv, two people died when Russian troops fired artillery at a residential street, local authorities said. In the western city of Rivne, nine people were killed in an air strike on a TV tower. Meanwhile, Russia accused Ukrainian forces of killing at least 23 people in the separatist stronghold of Donetsk. In a sign that the war could become a protracted one, Moscow said it was considering a full-scale assault on large cities.

A Kremlin spokesman said Russian forces have so far held off on a full-scale onslaught on large cities "because the civilian losses would be large". He added Moscow "does not rule out the possibility of putting large cities under its full control". The day began on a slightly positive note with Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressing hope that a diplomatic breakthrough might be achieved in the fourth round of talks was to begin. However, the talks for the day ended without any headway. Negotiators will now meet on Tuesday for further discussions.

There was some positive news from Mariupol as well. More than 160 cars carrying civilians have been able to drive out of the besieged city to Zaporizhzhia, where fighting has been less intense. The successful evacuation, amid ceasefire, comes after several failed attempts since Russian forces surrounded the port city. However, several thousands still remain there and the UN has warned that time is running out. P12

Fire rages inside a residential building in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Monday | AFP

Karnataka HC verdict on hijab row today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE full bench of the Karnataka High Court will pronounce the much-awaited verdict on hijab row at 10.30 am on Tuesday.

The bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Justices Krishna S Dixit and JM Khazi started hearing hijab petitions on February 10, 2022, and reserved the verdict on February 25, 2022 after hearing marathon arguments for two weeks on the petitions questioning a state government order dated February 5, 2022 banning hijab in schools and colleges.

The petitions were filed by students of the Government PU College for Girls in Udupi and several others.

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CHANDRASEKARAN IS NEW AIR INDIA CHAIRMAN

N Chandrasekaran, chairman of Tata Sons, has been appointed as the chairman of Air India by the airline's board. In October last year, the Tata Group had won the bid to acquire debt-laden state-run Air India. Tata Sons is yet to appoint the chief executive officer and managing director of Air India | P13

BWSSB mess: Youth hits pothole, dies in Bengaluru

BOSKY KHANNA & MANJU SHETTAR
@ Bengaluru

FAILURE to bring all civic agencies under one umbrella to ensure coordination cost the life of a 27-year-old youth on MS Palya Road in Yelahanka zone on Sunday night. The tragedy, which could have been avoided had there been effective coordination between civic agencies while carrying out road and sanitation works, left the mother of Ashwin M all alone as he was her only son and her husband had passed away a few years ago.

Yelahanka Zonal Joint Commissioner PV Poornima said BWSSB had improperly done drain cleaning and repair work on the recently relaid MS Palya Road and had left a manhole partly open, from where drain water was seeping out. P2

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